

(b) the extent to which the target has been achieved during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The Jal Dhara Scheme was one time measure initiated by the Government in 1988-89 to provide pumpsets to marginal farmers in identified Drought Prone Areas of 13 States. A target of 3171 pumpsets was proposed under the scheme for Orissa against which 3099 pumpsets were achieved under this scheme during 1989-90 and 1990-91.

#### **Conference of Power Minister on Renewable Energy Sources**

4161. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister stressed the need for a separate dispensation to promote New and Renewable Energy Sources (NRES);

(b) if so, the decision taken in the conference on February, 20;

(c) number of Ministers participated in the conference; and

(d) the recommendations of the conference accepted by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources organised a first ever Conference of Ministers in-charge of Non-Conventional Energy Sources of State Governments and Union Territories on 20th February, 1992. About 20 dignitaries including a Governor, Lt. Gover-

nors, and Ministers participated in the Conference, besides Secretaries and other Senior Officers of various States/Union Territories. While addressing the participants, the Prime Minister stressed for the need of separate dispensation to be given to new and renewable energy sources programmes.

Salient recommendations of the conference are given as under:

1. Development and popularisation of NRSE to be launched as a mass movement by Central Government; State Governments; social, scientific and charitable institutions so as to develop NRSE culture in the length and breadth of the country for better nergy availability, economic growth and sustained all round development together with better environment.
2. Providing adequate financial resources and incentives in the central and state government plans during the coming 8th Five Year Plan and subsequent plans.
3. Making sustained efforts to develop and disseminate various types of systems and devices based on renewable sources of energy for power generation, process heat and supplementing/conservation of cooking fuel.
4. Providing training to local people in the fabrication, propagation and maintenance of NRSE systems and devices with the long terms objective of absorption of these technoloegis by local artisans, to the extent possible.
5. Use of electronic media both at Central and State Governments levels for creating of mass-aware-

ness, wider publicity and education.

6. Various State Governments and implementing agencies are being advised to make use of the above recommendations in development and popularisation of new and renewable sources of energy.

#### **Pottern Irrigation Project in Orissa**

4162. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have accorded approval to the revised estimates for pottern irrigation project in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the grant-in-aid has since been released; and

(d) if not, when it is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The Public Investment Board has cleared the revised estimates for an estimated cost of Rs. 88.88 crores in its meeting held on 6.12.1990 subject to furnishing of the required environmental data by the State Government to be Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(c) and (d). An amount of Rs. 59.70 crores has so far been reimbursed by Government of India.

#### **Requirement of Newsprint**

4163. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

the total quantity requirement and pro-

duction of newsprint in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): The total demand for newsprint in the country during 1991-92 is estimated at 5.60 lakh Metric Ton (MTs).

The production target of newsprint in the country during the year 1991-92 is 2.95 lakh MTs and the actual production achieved between April, 1991 and January, 1992 is 2,35,212 MT.

#### **Public Telephones**

4164. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT:  
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:  
SAHRIMATI RITA VERMA:  
SHRI N.K. BALIYAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target was fixed for opening of public telephones during 1991-92 in Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the number of public telephones opened in the above states during the same period, district-wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Thermal Power Station at Sagardighi, West Bengal**

4165. SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state: